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CALTRANS AWARDS \$48.5 MILLION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL TO INCREASE SAFETY AND HEALTH

EUREKA – Caltrans today awarded \$48.5 million of state Safe Routes to School Program funds for 139 projects to increase safety and help reduce injuries and fatalities among children in grades K-12 who walk and bicycle to school.

“Safety is Caltrans’ number one priority,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “We are committed to providing the highest safety possible for our children as they travel to and from school in California.”

Among the state-funded projects are new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and other safety improvements. Caltrans chose each project based upon need, effectiveness, and how quickly it could be delivered. By improving safety, more kids are encouraged to walk and bicycle to school, resulting in healthier children while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle congestion.

More than \$7 million of the funds were awarded to critical safety projects in rural counties. In addition, 82 projects totaling \$28 million will create jobs and benefit at least one low-income school within each project.

Some of the notable local projects that received funding include:

Humboldt County - \$300,000 to construct a raised crosswalk, raised medians, sidewalks and curbs near Grant Elementary School and McKinleyville High School.

Humboldt County - \$152,000 to construct sidewalks, and install crosswalks, in-pavement crosswalk lighting, LED signs, and pavement markings near Eagle Prairie Elementary School and Monument Middle School.

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Safe Routes to School Funding – Continued

Lake County - \$188,300 to construct sidewalks and curbs, and upgrade crosswalks near Burns Valley Elementary School and Pomo Elementary School.

Lake County - \$346,900 to construct sidewalks and curb ramps, and install crosswalks near Kelseyville Elementary School and Mountain Vista Middle School.

Mendocino County - \$394,500 to construct sidewalks and curbs, and install bike lanes near Calpella Elementary School and The Waldorf School of Mendocino County.

To date, the state and federal Safe Routes to School programs have awarded \$472 million for safety projects around California's schools.

To view the entire list of Safe Routes to School projects that received funding:

www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/documents/FINALApproved%20SR2S%20Cycle%2010%20SProjects%20List.pdf

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